

Outdoor Ministry Association

Pre-Consult Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, March 1, 2007

- The agenda was adopted and minutes from the March 1, 2006, meeting were accepted by consensus.
- Board members present were: Bruce Druckenmiller, Jeremy Force, Charles Stark, Judie Luther, Kaila Russell, Ira Williams, Janie Gebhardt, Kathy Duckworth, Dale Dressler, Barbara Broadbent, Greg Pittman, Leslie Desrosiers, and Bill Bourdon. Glenn Svenicka, Barb Doerrer-Peacock and Cynthia Speller were able to attend the post-Consult half of the meeting, and Da Vita McAllister from the national UCC staff was with us throughout the meeting and Consult.
- Kathy Duckworth, OMA Board Treasurer, presented the financial report showing an ending balance of \$18,585.39 as of 2/16/07, with twenty-two \$250.00 memberships, plus one \$100.00 membership and one \$150.00 membership. The financial report was approved by the Board.
- The treasurer asked for and received permission to seek an outside review of the finances. The Board gave their approval and asked that it be policy to conduct an outside review on an annual basis.
- The webmaster, Charles, reported that he would like to investigate some form of communication between members, and stated that new pictures and updated contact information is needed.
- The seminary flyer was discussed and a decision was made to table action on this project until the concept can be reviewed again.
- Jeremy reported on the ACA standards writing workshop and asked that the project be an annual December event. The 2007 event has been scheduled for December 2-6.
- Ira is planning to staff a booth at General Synod; Da Vita will arrange for the booth and strive to find funds for the space.
- Judy has begun the process of researching the Board's need for insurance and what the cost might be. She will continue to investigate the issue.
- Ira raised a question regarding the different ranges of membership fees and asked for board members to help him develop a proposal for the post meeting. Kathy, Greg and Leslie will work with him.

- Da Vita shared with us the research data about correlations between Outdoor Ministry funding and the entrance age of clergy. The Board discussed ways to get the OMA links on the national website moved to a more dominant position, hopefully a move to the same page as UCC-related colleges. An update on the disbursement of Deering funds was given, and the Board asked if we could receive an annual disbursement report. Ira and Leslie have been given the task of working with national to develop distribution policies if national wishes to use them.
- A discussion about having a student rate for Consult was held. The recommendation was made that students be given the opportunity to come on a site cost-only basis.
- A discussion about how we can become a more diverse group of individuals was held, and the theme of planning for diversity was discussed. Barb and Kaila have been placed on a task force to address the issue.
- An issue was raised by Bill: With conferences having a difficult time with transitions of ODM staff and fiscal concerns for both camps and conferences, he asked that he be given OMA's blessing to contact conference ministers and engage them in honest dialogue about how OMA and conference ministers can work together to achieve common goals of sustainability and growth. He was granted permission. Jeremy will act as an additional board contact in the process.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.